

POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Residents and Taxpayers of Newton,

The Newton Police Department continues to be busy and we sincerely thank the Town of Newton for your continued support.

The police department has a compliment of six (6) full time officers, however full staffing continues to be an issue. Not complaining, just the way it is. This year we lost two (2) full time officers. One (1) left to become a full time firefighter in Everett, MA and another officer left to attend the Mass State Police Academy. The reality is that we can't compete with Mass Public Safety Agencies in the area of pay and benefits. The good news is that with the support of the community, we appear to have resolved and overcome the issue of losing full time officers to other New Hampshire Agencies. Realistically, I think that's the best we can ask for.

The problem with employee turnover is that we lose trained, competent and community sensitive officers and thus have to recruit and train new officers. The law enforcement hiring process is a long involved process that takes months, and impacts the department and the community by personnel availability. All this being said I believe that the department continues to provide the community with quality police service. The culture of the department is such that the officers do whatever has to be done to maintain and provide reliable and professional service.

I believe one of the more positive accomplishments this year was the creation of our "Face Book" page. This communication enables us to keep the community abreast of the department's day-to-day activities and keep people informed on almost a real time basis. The old adage that the public is the eyes and ears for the police is still alive and well, and in order to maintain that relationship the department needs to be transparent.

A lot of the coming year will be spent preparing ourselves for national accreditation. For approximately the past six (6) years we have been one of eleven NH police departments that are state accredited and we look forward to taking the next step in public accountability by obtaining national accreditation recognition.

During this past year we were also able to complete the department's training room which is situated essentially in a portion of the garage area. If you haven't had an opportunity to view the building, please feel free to stop by and we would be more than happy to give you a tour.

Thank you for your anticipated thought and consideration given this report.

Respectfully submitted,
Lawrence E. Streeter
Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

ARRESTS:

All Other Larceny	3	Burglary	11
All Other Offenses	15	Business Check	496
Aggravated Assault	4	Civil Dispute-Domestic Related	4
Bad Checks	2	Civil Problem	28
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism	6	Civil Standby	41
Disorderly Conduct	3	Community Service	1
Driving Under the Influence	6	Court	46
Drug/Narcotic Violations	21	Cruiser Maintenance	942
Drunkenness	6	Death, Unattended	1
Forcible Fondling	1	Despondent Person	6
Intimidation	1	Directed Patrol	6,600
Liquor Law Violations	4	Disturbance	25
Simple Assault	20	Domestic Related	28
Stolen Property Offenses	3	Domestic Disturbance	51
Theft from Building	2	Drug Related	48
Traffic, Town By-Law Offenses	43	Dumping, Illegal	6
Trespass of Real Property	1	Emotionally Distressed Person	2
TOTAL ARRESTS	141	Escort/Transport	18
		Fight/Brawl	3
		Field Interview	6
		Fingerprint Non-Criminal	37
		Follow-up	1,276
		Fraud	15
		Fireworks Complaint	3
		Harassment, Other	7
		Harassment, Phone	16
		Juvenile Problem	46
		Lockout, Residential	2
		Lockout, Motor Vehicle	11
		Mental Incompetent	2
		Message Delivery	22
		Missing Person	13
		Motor Vehicle, Abandoned	5
		Motor Vehicle Accident	61
		Motor Vehicle, Other	42

CALLS FOR SERVICE:

911 Hang-up/Abandoned Call	26		
Administrative	489		
Administrative, Other	1,142		
Alarm	135		
Alcohol Related	2		
Animal Complaint	285		
Arson	1		
Assault	8		
Assist Fire Department	45		
Assist Motorist	10		
Assist Officer	145		
Assist Other Agency	254		
Assist Rescue	131		
Attempted Suicide	2		
Bad Check	7		

CALLS FOR SERVICE Continued:

Motor Vehicle, Speed/Reckless	53	Serve Paperwork	216
Motor Vehicle Stop	1,231	Serve Dog Fine	62
Mutual Aid	13	Serve Dog Summons	7
Neighbor Dispute	9	Sex Offender Registration	10
Noise Complaint	34	Sex Offenses	8
Non-Criminal	19	Criminal Trespass	5
OHRV Complaint	4	Smoke/Fire Investigation	7
Park & Walk	2	Soliciting/Sales	2
Parking Complaint	23	Speed Enforcement	315
Police Complaint	2	Special Event	8
Police Information	439	Suicide, Threatened	8
Prisoner Transport	1	Suspicious Circumstance	124
Property Damage	9	Suspicious Vehicle	89
Property Lost	14	Theft	62
Property Recovered	9	Tree Down/Wires Down	19
Public Assist	220	Traffic Enforcement	30
Reported Hazard	22	Traffic Hazard	36
Restraining Order	24	Truancy Check	10
Restraining Order Violation	7	Criminal Threatening	10
Criminal Mischief	30	Unsecured Building	1
Report Writing	730	Unwanted Subject	14
Ride Along Application	1	Vacation Watch	277
Robbery	1	Vin Verification	89
Road Agent	9	Well-Being Check	44
Safe School Act	6	Weapons Related	18
School Crosswalk	205		
Serve Warrant	47		
		TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	17,238

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